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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 21 May 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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McMahon reported briefly that the situation in South Korea is "at a stage where anything can happen." Clarke said he is forming a modified task force within NFAC to focus on the Korea situation, especially during the upcoming three-day weekend, and that INR, NSA, et al., are being notified. []

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Fitzwater reported Bill Bacchus, State Department Director General's Office, has contacted him re the Foreign Service Act. Bacchus explained that the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee has reported out Section 311 of the FSA which states that language for the hiring of U.S. dependents overseas will be provided by OPM. This is in contrast to the initial version wherein State would provide the language. Mr. Carlucci asked Hitz and Fitzwater to research this; he expressed confidence that the Committee would be sympathetic to the Agency's situation re Section 311 and is prepared to contact members of the Committee for appropriate revision. []

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Hetu provided a brief update on the Publications Review Board workload. []

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Clarke said he has had two sessions as NSA, with Inman, [] and others toward developing an improved operating climate for NFAC analysts and their NSA counterparts including reinstitution of orientation courses involving analysts at both agencies. []

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Hitz provided a brief update on the status of S. 2284, Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980. He noted his concerns re House current actions involving numerous amendment proposals, e.g., prior notification, and said he has less concern with the Senate side. He noted he is preparing a memo to advise that the Director and/or Mr. Carlucci inform the NSC, the Vice President, and the President of the current situation including the possibility of a Presidential veto. Mr. Carlucci opined that behavior by House members re S. 2284 probably reflects their views of the Administration's handling of the Iranian situation and related matters. Hitz said he will stay on top of the situation and keep the Director and Mr. Carlucci apprised.

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Silver, prompted by Fitzwater's report concerning the hiring of U.S. dependents overseas, noted vulnerabilities re Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949 which provides the Director with special authority for expenditures. He said vulnerability centers on any occasion where we might seek--but fail--to gain a similar exemption in any other Act. Mr. Carlucci asked that he be provided with specifics of what is needed for him to forward a recommendation to the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Hitz said he will pull it together.

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